

CHAPTER NO. 562

HOUSE BILL NO. 2670

By Representative Hackworth

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2622

By Senator McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, Part 1, relative to disabled drivers and passengers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-105, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(e) Any business, firm or other person transacting business that provides specially marked parking spaces pursuant to this part shall also provide van-accessible parking spaces. Van-accessible parking spaces shall have an access aisle that is no less than ninety-six inches (96") to accommodate a wheelchair lift, have vertical clearance to accommodate van height at the van parking space and adjacent access aisle, and have an additional sign or marking identifying the parking space as "van accessible". The provisions of this subsection shall only apply to businesses, firms or persons conducting business with the public from a permanent location who provide specially marked parking spaces after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-105(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (2):

(2) Any person subject to this subsection who commences new construction or makes alterations to the parking area of the person's business on or after the effective date of this act shall be required to provide specially marked parking spaces in compliance with all applicable regulations promulgated by the United States department of justice and the United States department of transportation based on the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 13, 2006


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of April 2006


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR